

## OPINION 1066

LYDA ALTERNANS COSTA, 1859, TO BE GIVEN PRECEDENCE OVER  
LYDA INANIS KLUG, 1808 (INSECTA; COLEOPTERA)

RULING. — (1) Under the plenary powers it is ruled that the specific name *alternans* Costa, 1859, as published in the binomen *Lyda alternans*, is to be given precedence over the specific name *inanis* Klug, 1808, as published in the binomen *Lyda inanis*, by any zoologist who regards both names as denoting the same taxon.

(2) The specific name *alternans* Costa, 1859, as published in the binomen *Lyda alternans*, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with an endorsement stating the ruling given under the plenary powers in (1) above, with the Name Number 2586.

(3) The specific name *inanis* Klug, 1808, as published in the binomen *Lyda inanis*, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with an endorsement that it is not to be given priority over the specific name *alternans* Costa, 1859, as published in the binomen *Lyda alternans*, by any zoologist who regards both names as denoting the same taxon, with the Name Number 2587.

## HISTORY OF THE CASE Z.N.(S.) 1944

An application from Dr Karel Benes (*Prague*) for the suppression of *Lyda inanis* Klug, 1808, was first received on 7 October 1970. It was sent to the printer on 18 March 1971 and was published on 1 May 1972 in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* vol. 29: 25. Public notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* and sent to the other prescribed serials (Constitution Art. 12b; *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* vol. 31: 97) as well as to seven entomological serials. No comment was received.

In October 1974 Dr Benes sent in a revised application to take account (a) of the modifications to Articles 23a-b and 79b introduced by the XVII International Congress of Zoology (Monaco, 1972) published in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* vol. 31: 79-81 and 87-89, and (b) of Dr Nye's comment published in *Bull. zool. Nomen.* vol. 30: 140-141. Notice of the possible use of the plenary powers was given as on the first occasion. Again, no comment was received.

## DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 10 February 1976 the members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (76) 1 for or against the proposals set out on p. 121 of *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* vol. 32. At the close of the Voting Period on 10 May 1976 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative votes — seventeen (17) received in the following order: Melville, Holthuis, Mayr, Lemche, Eisenmann, Vokes, Willink, Tortonese,

Mroczkowski, Corliss, Rohdendorf, Habe, Bayer, Heppell, Bernardi, Nye, Ride

Negative votes: Sabrosky, Dupuis

Late affirmative votes: Alvarado, Brinck, Kraus

Leave of Absence: Binder

Voting Papers not returned: Simpson, Erben, Starobogatov.

Dr. Sabrosky commented: "For a rare species 'of no economic importance', let priority apply".

#### ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for the names placed on an Official List by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

*alternans*, Lyda, Costa, 1859, *Fauna Reg. Napoli*, Lydidae, page 3, pt. 78, fig. 6

*inanis*, Lyda, Klug, 1808, *Mag. Ges. naturf. Freunde Berlin*, vol. 2: 278.

#### CERTIFICATE

I certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (76) 1 were cast as set out above, that the proposals contained in that Voting Paper were duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so reached, being the decision of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 1066.

R.V. MELVILLE

Secretary

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London

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